

the [first] remote control function command further comprises checking for the specification of a first device selected from the plurality of devices [and the step of checking for the specification of the second function command further comprises checking for the specification of a second device selected from the plurality of devices].

### REMARKS

The applicants which the thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in a phone conversation in which the Examiner requested that claim 10 be amended to use language that more closely mirrors the language set forth in the detailed description and figures of the subject application. It is believed that claims 10 and 11 now incorporate such language. For example, the amended claim language now uses language consistent with the description set forth on page 8, line 20+ and shown in Figure 5. In this regard, the noted passage describes that a user may select a remote control function command key on the keypad (e.g., the volume up button on keypad 20), enter an assignment command code (e.g., A-B-C-9-9-9), and select a function command code to be assigned to the selected function command key (e.g., CD volume up). Once the software determines that these events have occurred, the software maps the function command code (CD volume up) to the remote control function command key (volume up button) whereby further activation of the remote control function command key causes the remote control to issue the selected function command code.

The consideration of this proposed amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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